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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

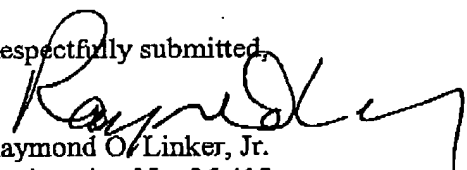
In response to the Official Action, the claims have been extensively amended to overcome the Examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In particular, a distinction has been made between the reflective means recited in Claim 1 (line 7 of page 33) and the mirror means recited on line 17, these mirror means being different from the reflective means.

As has been apparently recognized by the Examiner, the cited prior art neither anticipates nor renders obvious Applicants' claimed invention. The prior art documents are not pertinent because they describe laser devices, electroluminescent devices, photodetectors and the like, which have nothing to do with the present invention.

For the reasons noted, it is believed that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable reconsideration by the Examiner and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

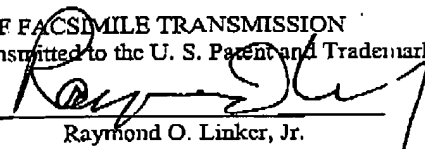
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